The Middletown Transcript

W. SCOTT WAY, EDITOR.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1878.

THE NEW PAPER.—We have received the first number of the Chesapeake *Record*, founded upon the ruins of the defunct *Chesapike*. It is a seven column paper, and speaks glowingly of its future on the "raging canal." Brother Moss, in his valedictory, says he is "completely sated with glory, and in the future desires to be considered as a gentleman of leisure living entirely upon credit." Dr. Brower, the editor and publisher of the *Record*, is an experienced and able journalist, and only needs the support of the people of Chesapeake City to make his paper a success.

GOV. COCHRAN'S decision to allow the law to take its course in the Chambers-Collins case will, in the end, meet the approval of the larger portion of the best citizens of New Castle County. Indeed, we think the most of those who have been in favor of a respite or pardon have not thoroughly understood the case. The Governor, no doubt, has been giving the matter serious consideration for months; has viewed it in all its bearings, and has had light upon it from all sources, and we cannot hesitate to think his decision is other than a just one. It seems a terrible thing to hang a man—to take a human life in punishment of a crime—but the majesty of the law and the welfare of society demand it, and there can be no shrinking on the part of those in whom the execution of the law is vested. The crime for which these two colored men suffered death on the gallows, at New Castle, yesterday, has within the past few years become a fearfully common one in the Middle and Southern States, and nothing but severe and summary punishment will suffice to check these fearful and frequent outrages. The fate of Collins and Chambers should be a warning to evil doers, not only in this State, but throughout the country, and should teach them that the iron grip of the law, in Delaware at least, is both hard and sure.

THE new dollars—the big white dollars—the "dollars of the daddies," are around. A few of them arrived a week ago and were quickly gobbled up by eager curiosity seekers. This "dollar of the daddies" is not like the "dollar of the daddies" after all, for the eagle—the glorious American eagle—is not like any other American eagle that was ever seen, and the nose of the goddess of liberty is straighter than the nose of any other goddess of liberty of our acquaintance; but, though her nose is so very straight, and her chin a little too prominent for a first-class goddess, she is above the average and a considerable improvement upon the goddess of the trade dollar. To be sure the engraver has only given us the head of the goddess upon the new dollar, but the head is fair to look upon and we are happy. The night-cap of liberty does not stick up so much above the head of the goddess as it does upon some other coins, while a little stray lock of hair over the eye shows how hard the engraver found it to resist "bangs." Taking all things into consideration, we are much pleased with the goddess and can suggest no improvement. But the bird of freedom upon the obverse attracts more attention than the goddess, because it is the queerest looking bird of freedom yet imposed upon a suffering public. He is particularly flat-headed for a well regulated bird of freedom, and from the position of his wings we should infer that he was just getting ready to "flop."

Upon the whole, we have no serious objections to the new dollar, and while we admit that a bushel of them might be a little unhandy for one to carry about, the most of us will not refuse them on that account, even if we should be compelled to charter a wheelbarrow to move them. But this is a contingency not likely to arise. While some people might think they could make as good a dollar out of lead as the "dollar of the daddies" it might not be safe to try the experiment.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.

MR. EDITOR:—The 4th of March has passed, and with it another election of our Town Commissioners. Many regard this election of little importance; some of us do not even trouble ourselves to vote. This manifested lack of interest among out people is a great mistake. We become all a stir at our County and State elections, and even business at times becomes stagnant till the excitement is over. Far different is it at our municipal elections; yet, the duties of our officers, and the carrying out of these duties, conferred at such elections, are of far more concern to us. Here we are directly affected; while at our larger elections only indirectly. Here, whatever improvements or changes are made are seen, felt and realized by all. It is everybody's business, and rightfully becomes the criticism of everybody, because we are taxed by our Commissioners to pay for benefits derived by improvements, and any officer whose duty it is to decide how deep he shall run his hand into other people's pockets, it strikes me should be a responsible man.

Now, then, Mr. Editor, our election is over, and we have responsible men. May we not look for some improvements? May we not ask it? Further, may we not demand it? There are many things that need repairs; many little things by which our town could be improved by an increased pro rata tax. Our taxes are not by any means exorbitant, and the few who would object to the slight increase for such purposes that are a mutual benefit, are greatly in the minority. On the average, a person who cares for his neighbors interests, and takes enough pride in his town to push things ahead at the risk of a little unpopularity, is not only himself a happier man, but is more respected and liked by the larger and better class of citizens. Though I have used the word unpopularity, I doubt if there would be an iota of such feeling toward our Commissioners if they would tear up, re-build and tax us for payment. There is a class of people that are always contented so their taxes are low. It matters not to them whether their town is improved or not. Such men, however, are a draw-back to a community. They have no ambition to make any one else happier; to promote the good of their country or their neighborhood. We claim to belong to the uncontented class, for nothing is more certain than that improvement in human affairs is wholly the work of the uncontented characters. All superiority, whether physical or mental, is the result of "active effort." So we want our officers to put forth a little "active effort" to make improvements; we cannot remain stagnant; things left to take care of themselves inevitably decay. If our Commissioners cannot give us assurances of property, they ought, at least, guarantee to us permanence. But we appeal for more than permanence. We want advancement and progress, and are willing to pay our share of the cost. Everybody will agree that the qualities in the citizens individually which conduce most to keep up the amount of good management are integrity, industry, justice and prudence. There is not a town in the State whose citizens closer approximate these four qualities than do the citizens of Middletown. Let us take advantage of it then, and combine prudence with an "active effort" in executing the necessities of our little town. We, by electing our Commissioners, virtually say we trust to their judgment in such matters; they, by accepting the office, promise us to do their duty. That duty is to carry out the wishes and desires of the constituents they represent. They represent us—the people—the citizens of Middletown. So give us improvements, and tax us accordingly. We cannot and will not be satisfied till they do. This, Mr. Editor, is one of the many planks of the platform upon which we stand. YOUNG BACHELOR.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20, 1878.

Anderson, of New Orleans, was fortunate in having the best lawyers in Louisiana to defend him, and they seem to have labored as zealously as if they had believed in the innocence of their client. They have secured his release upon technical grounds. The State has five days in which to demand a rehearing, but it is hardly likely that anything more will be done. Anderson, at his worst, was only a feeble imitator of Wells, the head of the Returning Board, and the conviction of Wells is yet possible. There has been the greatest robbery in all history, and it would be gratifying to have some one of the thieves convicted and punished. They are known. They have not repented. They still have the stolen articles.

The Senate is now engaged in a discussion of terms of settlement with Pacific railroads. Messrs. Matthews, Christiancy and Thurman have already spoken, and the subject will probably call out all the eminent lawyers of the Senate.

Years ago money was appropriated to pay mail contractors for services performed in the South in the years 1860 and 1861. One way and another payment had been prevented, and early in this session a bill was introduced in the House to secure an early settlement of the claims. Of course, after the ordinary departmental examination of the individual claims no payments would have been made to those found to have been in the Confederate or other government service. But the fact that a few of these contracts had been so paid was discovered in the House, and was made not only an excuse for defeating the bill, but a ground of attack upon the whole South. Nothing could be more unjust to a great majority of the claimants; nothing more absurd and wicked than to so stir up sectional feeling. No one believes that one in ten of the contractors has been paid.

Yesterday, in our U. S. Criminal Court the Judge called attention for the first time to the act lately approved making persons charged with crime competent witnesses in their own cases. The case on at the time was one in which an intelligent German was to be tried for manslaughter. The killing was not denied, the accused simply claiming that it was the result of an accident. Witnesses were examined, the accused testified in his own behalf, and the jury, without leaving their seats, acquitted him. He has been once tried and had been in jail for a year, on indictment by a grand jury. There was no day of that year on which, if his own statement could have been heard at his former trial, he would not have been a free man. The new law, therefore, has an excellent start in this district. Mr. Frye, of the House, was the principal supporter of the bill. If I remember rightly, Judge Appleton, of Maine, was one of the earliest, as also certainly the ablest advocates in this country of this humane and sensible practice.

All these years that McGanahan has been at the doors of the White House, the Departments, the Courts, and Congress, he has been writing letters. His opponent, the New India Mining Company, has purchased these letters, 700 in number, and is using them before a Congressional Committee having the great contest in charge. It is fair to say of McGanahan's letters that, though they mention numberless attempts to control Courts and Federal officers by indirection, they nowhere admit of any question as to the justice and strength of the title by which he claimed the valuable mines in dispute. Indeed, through all of them he seems to feel himself a poor man whom a rich and powerful enemy is endeavoring to crush. This may yet be a strong point in the man's favor. Writing 700 letters to his most confidential friend, his partner, who, if any one knew that their claim was fraudulent, would know it, it is hardly possible that a scoundrel should not in some way use expressions or state facts showing such fraud. Meantime similar exposures of corruption on the part of the New India Company are promised by McGanahan. This scandal, if it touches all spoken of now as likely to be reached, will create more of a sensation than Oakes Ames and his Credit Mobilier did. SOLON.

THE GALLOWS!

CHAMBERS AND COLLINS EXECUTED AT NEW CASTLE YESTERDAY!

(Special to the Transcript.)

NEW CASTLE, DEL., March 22, 1878.

To-day Samuel Chambers and Geo. Collins were hanged by the neck "until dead," in the jail yard, at New Castle. The particulars of

THE CRIME

for which these two men suffered the death penalty to-day, is familiar to the greater portion of our readers, the outrage having been committed within a half mile of Middletown.

Mrs. Kate Smith, in company with her husband, started down the State in search of work in some of the numerous peach orchards. It appears they had heard they would be likely to get employment at Round Top, Md., and desired to reach that locality. They reached the neighborhood of Middletown on the afternoon of August 15th, 1877. They were accosted by the two negroes who were hauling peaches to the depot, on the road leading west from the town, when a conversation took place between the parties, the tramps making inquiry in regard to to where they could obtain work, and the negro Chambers agreeing to take them where they would find employment. The negroes then proceeded across a field, followed by the Smiths, and when a corn-field had been reached, some distance from the public road, the white man was knocked down and the woman hustled further into the corn-field where the crime was perpetrated.

THE ARREST

was made on the same evening the crime was committed. Mrs. Smith positively identified Chambers as one of the negroes who had committed the outrage, but she was doubtful in regard to the identity of the younger negro, Collins, and he was discharged, and Chambers taken to New Castle. It is said there was a lynching movement on foot, which was only frustrated by the shrewdness of Officer Rothwell, who started with his prisoner at an unexpected hour.

On the following Saturday some new facts in the case were brought to light, when Collins was re-arrested and made a full confession of the guilt of himself and Chambers, and was also conveyed to New Castle jail. The Smith's were held as witnesses.

THE TRIAL

took place at the November term of Court, when the negroes were ably defended by J. L. Vallandigham. Chambers was tried as the principal, and Collins as an accessory, and although the confession of the latter was not admitted as evidence, they were convicted, and sentenced to suffer the death penalty on Friday, March 22d.

SOME NEW DEVELOPEMENTS

were brought out a few weeks ago, when a number of Wilmington gentlemen interested themselves in the case, and employed a detective to work the matter up. Smith was also brought on to New Castle charged with perjury, he having stated that he swore falsely in regard to being married to the woman upon whom the outrage had been committed. The law not being such as to hold Smith on the above charge he was finally discharged, but the gentlemen who had interested themselves in the condemned negroes continued to work the case up, and on Saturday last held a conference with Gov. Cochran, at Middletown, for the purpose of

ASKING FOR A PARDON

for the doomed men. J. L. Vallandigham, Henry W. Morrow and John A. Myers, the detective, were present, also Attorney General Pennington and Magistrate Naudain. The Governor heard the merits of the case and carefully consulted the papers submitted to him, but after thorough investigation decided that the law must take its course, and so informed the Secretary of State on Wednesday, who, we learn, communicated the facts to Mr. Morrow, and that gentleman, in company with a friend, immediately went over to New Castle for the purpose of

BREAKING THE NEWS

to the condemned men. Chambers received the news of his doom with no perceptable change of countenance, while Collins shed tears and was much affected. Both continued to protest their innocence.

A number of prominent gentlemen from Wilmington again visited Middletown, on Thursday, and held a conference with the Governor at the National Hotel. The object of their visit was to obtain a respite for the condemned men, but this they failed to do, and we are informed that the Governor soon convinced them that his decision, which he had arrived at after long deliberation, was both just and final. The gentlemen returned to Wilmington on the evening train, convinced that further effort in behalf of the negroes would be useless.

THE SCAFFOLD

was erected at the north end of the jail yard, and immediately in front of the whipping post and pillory. The trap was hung with hinges at the back and secured by a rope passing from it over the beam to one of the corner braces, where it was secured.

The doomed men were confined in cell No. 9, upon the lower corridor, where, during the hours of the morning, they were with their religious advisers, Rev. Isaac Young and others, engaged in singing and praying.

THE EXECUTION.

At 10.15 o'clock the jury took their position near the scaffold, the solemn procession filed out of the jail, and the Sheriff, Warden Herdman and the doomed men ascended the steps, followed by the Rev. B. McMacken, and three colored ministers. Mr. McMacken offered a prayer, during which Chambers stooped forward and scratched his nose against the rope that held the trap. One of the colored ministers then repeated a hymn which Chambers sang in a low voice. During this time Collins stood with head erect, looking neither to the right nor the left, nor taking any part in the religious exercises. After the hymn, Chambers, still standing, offered a prayer in a clear, distinct voice. He said:

"I feel to God that I have sinned against thee all my life, and I feel thankful that God has blessed me, and I shall now soon have to quit labor and be laid in death. I have been thirty years trying to meet this, and now I am about to take my departure, and go to my home. Let this be a warning to the whole United States. Thank God that I have a soul to save. God bless the Governor; God bless the Sheriff; and may this be the last man he will have to hang. Bless the people, white and colored, and now I say to them farewell, and in the end save my soul, for Christ's sake, Amen."

After this prayer Chambers spoke a few moments, as follows:

"Now, I desire to say to my beloved friends, white and colored, you are going to punish an innocent man, and one stands before you. * * * I am an honest man and an innocent man going to the grave. * * * I was cheated by the man who brought me here, and by the 'Squire. This is nothing but murder and you are going to take my life because you have the power. God forbid that Delaware State should ever hang another innocent man. * * * Let me go, gentlemen, I have no more to say—farewell!"

Then, at fourteen minutes to eleven o'clock the ropes were adjusted and the black caps drawn over the criminal's heads, and just at this moment the younger negro, who had all along been silent, said: "All pray for me, I expect to meet you all in Heaven.

At fifteen minutes past eleven, the hatchet, in the hand of the Sheriff, fell with a dull thud, the rope parted, the trap fell, and Samuel Chambers and George Collins we hanging by their necks. The body of the younger negro hardly moved after the fall, and he must have died comparatively easy, while the body of Chambers swayed backward and forward and the limbs worked convulsively for several minutes. After hanging 22 minutes, the ropes were loosened and the bodies lowered and placed in the coffins.

We understand that none of their relatives were present and no one made any request in regard to the disposition of the bodies. They will probably be buried at the Almshouse burying ground.

Sheriff Grubb, ex-Sheriff Herbert and the Wardens were particularly kind and courteous to the reporters, and were always ready to give information and extend to them more than ordinary favors. The execution was witnessed by about 200 people.

EXECUTONS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY SINCE 1839.

Sheriff Elihu Jefferson, hung Thos. Morgan, (col.) for the murder of his brother-in-law; execution public.

1849, Sheriff Isaac Grubb, Sr., hung Perry Baily, (col.) for committing a rape upon a white woman.

1850, Samuel Chandler hung Empson Bayard and James Anderson, (col.) for the murder of Joseph Williams for a small sum of money. He also hung in 1852, Samuel Ward, (col.) for killing constable Davidson who had him in custody and was taking him to jail.

1860, Sheriff Cannon hung John J. Brown, (white) for killing a man at Delaware City.

1866, Sheriff Hagany hung Wm. A. Manluff, (col.) for burglary and attempted rape in the city of Wilmington.

1867, William Herbert hung Andrew P. Armstrong, (white) for the murder of his wife.

1870, Sheriff Richardson hung Joshua Jones and Lewis Carpenter, (col.) for committing an outrage upon a white woman in New Castle Hd.

1872, Sheriff James Armstrong hung Andrew C. Clark, (col.) for committing an outrage upon a colored woman.

1873, Sheriff R. L. Armstrong hung William Dennis, (col.) for rape upon a white woman.

1877, Sheriff Grubb hung Jehu Rhodes, (col.) for murdering James Temple, colored.

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THE MARKETS.

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Clover "	7@7½c ₱ lb

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Ducks, "	9@10 " "
Geese, "	6@8 " "

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Oats (Delaware)	35@37 cts
Clover seed	07@08 ₱ lb
Timothy	1 20@1 45

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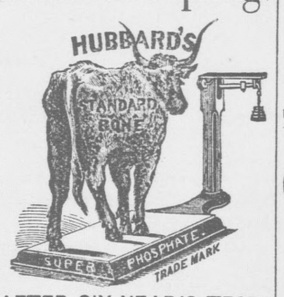

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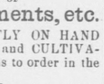

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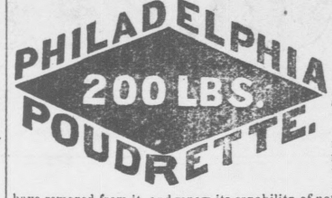

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STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

For the Year Ending February 28th, 1878.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of the Treasury at the last settlement, March 9, 1877,	$ 9,426 79
Amount Refunded by Levy Court Commissioners,	1,768 52
Temporary Loans,	81,197 99
Taxes Received from Collectors, for 1875,	967 17
" " " " " 1876,	37,708 40
" " " " " 1877,	103,276 17
Negro School Tax,	1,460 86
Countersigning 63 Teacher's Certificates,	126 00
Rent of County Wharf, at Wilmington,	75 00
Gas used in Court House,	40 50
Isaac Grubb, Sheriff, for costs collected,	527 17
John P. Springer, Clerk of Peace, for costs collected,	293 86
	$236,868 43

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cash paid Treasurer of the Poor,	$ 31,031 88
" State, Treasurer, State Tax, 1876,	25,099 19
" Levy Court Commissioners' Drafts, on appropriations,	25,569 02
" Temporary Loans and Interest,	74,613 21
" Gas for Court House and Jail,	946 00
" Water for Court House and Jail,	225 00
" C. W. Howland, Treasurer Negro School Tax,	1,447 25
" State Treasurer, certifying 109 Teachers' Certificates,	218 00
" Sheep killed by Dogs,	806 83
" Services of Commissioners laying out Public Roads,	84 50
" Sunday Schools,	586 30
" Jail Commissioners on Drafts,	2,668 00
" Overpaid Taxes Refunded,	53 75
" Prison Wardens',	1,491 42
" Bailiffs', May Term, 1877,	284 00
" Witnesses before Grand Inquest, May Term, 1877,	777 96
" Witnesses at General Sessions,	965 26
" Justices of the Peace and Constables, attendance at Court, May Term, 1877,	36 56
" Grand Jurors, May Term, 1877,	455 98
" Petit Jurors, May Term, 1877,	1,153 74
" Additional Jurors, May Term, 1877,	204 88
" Bailiffs, November Term, 1877,	365 50
" Witnesses before Grand Inquest, November Term, 1877,	763 12
" Witnesses at General Sessions, November Term, 1877,	2,399 39
" Justices of the Peace and Constables, attendance at Court, Nov. Term, 1877,	104 52
" Counsels for defending Prisoners,	165 00
" Grand Jurors, November Term, 1877,	649 48
" Petit Jurors, November Term, 1877,	1,399 10
" Additional Jurors, November Term, 1877,	242 74
" Talismen Jurors, November Term, 1877,	132 00
" Accounts allowed by Levy Court,	47,274 53
" County Treasurer's Commission on $25,317 10 paid State,	253 17
" County Treasurer's Salary,	500 00
" Balance Due New Castle County,	13,902 15
	$236,868 43

Bonded Debt,	$31,000 00	
Floating,	69,400 00	
		100,400 00

ASSETS:

Balance in hands of Treasurer,	$13,902 15	
Due from Collectors for 1876,	8,568 71	
" " " " 1877,	30,000 00	
		52,470 86
Total debt of the County,		$ 47,929 14

mar 16-2t WM. HERBERT, County Treasurer.

SHOPPING BY MAIL.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER desire to make known to consumers who find it inconvenient to visit the city every time DRY GOODS are needed, that our Mail Order Department is so perfected that shopping may be done while sitting comfortably at home as satisfactorily as at our counters.

All that is necessary is to address to us a letter mentioning the kind of goods desired, and SAMPLES to select from will be immediately forwarded. Orders are filled at the identical prices for which the goods are that day sold over the counters. The expense, trouble and fatigue of going to the city are avoided and the goods are selected from as choice an assortment as would be inspected were our establishment visited in person.

For years we have made this peculiar branch of the Dry Goods business a favorite study, and the success of our MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is attested by the fact that an order is rarely filled without making a permanent customer of the person ordering. Every order, be it for a yard of muslin or a wedding trousseau, meets with the most careful and prompt attention.

SAMPLES of all kinds of DRY GOODS, SILKS, DRESS GOODS, PRINTS, LINENS, FLANNELS, CLOTHS, etc., with *widths* and *prices* correctly marked, promptly forwarded on application.

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Physician's Prescriptions are made a Specialty,

and are compounded at all hours with care and despatch, and just as they are written never is an article substituted for anything I have not in stock, unless by the consent of the prescriber, nor is anything left out for the same reason.

Pure Wines and Liquors are kept for medicinal uses only, and everything usually kept by all first-class druggists, and many things that cannot be had at any other place can be had here.

ELECTROPATHY.

Being a graduate of Electropathy I still continue its practice, and during the eleven years which I have been using it have had wonderful success, as hundreds of persons treated by me will bear testimony.

I am also agent for Dr. Kidder's Galvanic Battery, and can furnish them at his retail prices in New York. Old Galvanic machines repaired and made as good as new, provided the coil is uninjured.

In order to make up for the great reduction in prices for medicines, &c., I am compelled hereafter to sell for cash on delivery unless otherwise stipulated by special agreement.

Thankful for the favors received during the 25 years I have been in the drug business, I hope by continued application to business to merit and receive a large increase of public patronage.

H. P. BAKER,

July 14, 1877.—1y ODESSA, DEL.

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Are you Going to Paint your House?

IF SO, IT WILL PAY YOU TO TAKE the trouble to examine into the merits of *LUCAS' MIXED PAINT*—all colors, ready mixed. Has peculiar and valuable advantages over other mixed paints. Manufactured by that old, well known and reliable paint manufacturing firm, John Lucas & Co., Philadelphia. On their authority, and our own knowledge of the paint, we unhesitatingly put the strongest guarantee thereon.

Our local reference will be to the persons who have painted their houses with this Paint.

Send for color card and prices to

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☞Mr. Geo. W. McLean, 31 North Calvert street, is our agent in Baltimore for taking advertisements and subscriptions at our regular rates.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1878.

Local Affairs.

The tax collectors are on the war path.

The season of tramps and pack-pedlers approacheth.

They are eating lettuce down the State—Le us have some.

Regular services will be held in the M. E. Church to-morrow.

A number of the new dwellings will soon be ready for the painter.

St. Patrick's day after all was not such a bad day for a St. Patrick's day.

Prepare to move, and do not pack your mirror in the same box with your frying pan

Eggs are down to 10 cents a dozen. Wouldn't it be well to have them remonetized?

A number of our citizens went down to Chestertown, Saturday last, to attend the M. E. Conference.

We are indebted to the *Every Evening* for the list of appointments of Wilmington Conference.

We hear that one of our young men does not sleep so well since one of the "sweet singers" departed.

Dr. Chamberlaine has had the interior of his drug store neatly painted and otherwise freshened up.

George Gale, late of the National Hotel, started on Wednesday with his family for San Francisco, Cal.

It is rumored that Mr. Maxwell has disposed of the National Hotel, but we have not been able to learn the name of the supposed purchaser.

The smile of the drummer has not been so perceptable in our midst during the past week as upon former occasions. They are all down the Peninsula, now.

The most attractive display of advertisements that we have seen for some time were on the "*mule*" that was driven through our streets on last Saturday, and then to think that it was'nt a good day for advertising, either, makes it so much the better.

Your neighbor's chicks observe with pride your garden neatly planted; your rows laid out, your peas all stuck with sticks both straight and slanted, and think how they, some glorious day, will fly over all your fence and nets and play the very—nation with your little onion sets.

The Karsner farm was sold for the third time by the Sheriff, on Tuesday last, and was knocked off to Z. Pool for $23,100, which is just one thousand dollars more than it brought at the last sale, when Mr. Pool was also the purchaser, but through some crook in the law the sale was not confirmed.

Middletown was in darkness on Wednesday evening until half past nine o'clock, when luna appeared above the eastern horizon and shed her gratuitous light upon our streets. These medical almanacs are very uncertain about this time of year and it won't do to regulate the moon by them and then depend on her for light.

Monday next will be moving day, but a number of our citizens have anticipated the troubles of this most troublesome day and moved during this week, and now have their stove pipe all up, while the children have learned how to crawl through the back fence and the cat grown familiar with the next neighbor's shed-kitchen roof.

Our merchants are now laying in immense stocks of goods, which shews they expect a lively spring trade. There is brisk competition in Middletown, and there is no need of going further for cheap goods. We take pleasure in referring all persons in need of spring goods to our advertising columns, where the live merchants tell the public what they have.

M. P. Hubbard, Esq., of Wyoming, Del., was in town this week for the purpose of establishing an agency for the sale of his phosphates, which have a very high reputation wherever they have been used. Mr. H. proposes to push the sale of his phosphate in this section, feeling confident if the farmers will once give it trial they will continue to use it.

A new street, of which we have not yet learned the name, has been laid out south of Green street, and shade trees planted on either side of it. Mr. Green is doing a good work for this end of our town by putting these desirable building lots in the market, and we hope to see many new dwellings going up on them before the end of the season. We shall not be surprised if this section of our town soon outstrips the older sections in the way of its fine residences.

This is a good season for the householder to give his premises a general cleaning up. Gather the rubbish out of your gutter and the old shoes out of your back yard and celebrate the advent of spring with a bon-fire, but don't choose a windy day for fear the bon-fire might be more extensive than the occasion would require. A little whitewash often lends enchantment to the view of a back yard fence, etc.

In another column we give a communication from "Young Bachelor" in regard to town improvements by the new board of Commissioners. We feel certain that so long as the money is judiciously used for improving the appearance of our town and increasing the conveniences and comforts of our people, no good citizen will object to paying a fair tax for such purposes. Middletown has never been called a "one horse town," and now, since we are out of debt and have a "bran new" board of Commissioners, let us all unite in saying with the young man who bought a stick of candy and divided it with his girl: "Darn the expense on such an occasion as this!"

Mrs. W. L. Alden's audience on Friday evening of last week was not large, but it was appreciative. Perhaps the number of persons in the hall did not exceed 150, which was owing to the great number of other amusements we have had of late. Those present seemed much pleased with the "Recital." Mrs. A. is a lady of rare musical talent and culture and an accomplished reader. Carlton's "New Church Organ" was one of her best efforts and was greeted with much delight by the audience. Several duets by Mrs Alden and Miss Cole were exceedingly well rendered and elicited hearty applause.

We are having plenty of a good thing in the way of entertainments. We have had three within a week—Mrs. Alden's Recital, the K. of P. concert and Prof. Eldridge, last night; while Sam Sanford is in the near future and a few circuses in the dim distance. Let 'em come.

As will be seen by a notice in our advertising columns the "Young Apolla Club" will give a grand musical entertainment at the Odessa Town Hall, Thursday evening next. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental selections, and the club will be assisted by a number of accomplished lady pianists of Odessa. The entertainments given by the talented people of our sister town are always enjoyable and generally successful; and we feel assured that this one will not prove an exception to the rule. Admission 25 cts; Reserved seats, 35 cts. Go and be happy!

The annual meeting of the Mutual Building and Loan Association of Middletown was held on Tuesday evening last. The annual election for officers to serve the ensuing term resulted as follows: President, G. E Hukill; Vice President, H. A. Nowland; Secretary and Treasurer, A. G. Cox; Directors, Joseph Geary, Thomas W Bucke and Isaac Jones, jr. A new series (the sixth) was opened, which was limited to 150 shares, and of which 130 shares were sold during the meeting. $3,500 were sold and brought from 52 cents to $1 30 per share premium.

A friend good naturedly criticises that portion of our report of the S. S. Anniversary where we use the word "dialogue" instead of "responsive reading" While we confess that "responsive reading" might sound better to some ears, we still think "dialogue" covers the whole ground. We are plain, we have plain ideas, we clothe them in plain words, and we do not care to use a long word when a short one will answer quite as well. Now we might have said, "the Superintendent arose from a sitting posture to a perpendicular position and intonated a portion of a responsive exercise, while the juveniles also, and in a like manner assumed a standing posture, and articulated a response thereto." This reminds the writer of a woman he once knew who was a perfect walking dictionary bound in muslin. A word of two syllables was at a discount with her, while one of a single syllable was scorned like a poor relation. One evening while her daughter tarried at the gate with a young man, when the nights were somewhat cool for the season, the lady came out of the house saying: "Gertrudio, my dear, you should not linger in this unsalubrious atmosphere clad in raiment unresistable to the frigidity of the surrounding vapors eliminated by the night air, which, as you are aware, has such an ungracious effect upon your frail and uninsular constitution. You had better enter the domicile, where you will not be so susceptable to the effects of the uncongenial elements, which are so liable to produce climatic conglomerations of the mucus membrane of the respiratory organs." The young man was completely overcome and rapidly walked away We were the young man, and for the satisfaction of the reader we will state that the lady didn't mean anything more than if Gertrude didn't come in she'd catch cold.

The Concert.

The entertainment at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening last, was a success in a financial point of view, so far as we can learn, while the programme afforded to the lovers of good music present a rare and varied treat.

The company, numbering four ladies and eight gentlemen, arrived on the afternoon train and were received at the depot by a number of the members of Damon Lodge, K. of P., and conducted to Maxwell's Hotel. After dinner they proceeded to the Hall and had a rehearsal. The doors were opened at 7.30 o'clock, and during the next half hour the seats were rapidly taken. There were too many empty seats to call it a "full house," but it is safe to say that more than three hundred and fifty persons were present, which is certainly a good house for "hard times," particularly when entertainments have been showered upon our community as rapidly as they have been of late.

It is not our intention to notice the programme in detail, suffice it to say that the hearty appreciation with which each song was received by the audience is evidence enough that it was well rendered, and we doubt if any musical *critique* could have found fault with the efforts of any member of this talented company. The piano solos of Miss Whittkorn and Miss Erwen showed them to be masters of that instrument, as well as the "sweetest of singers;" Mrs. Steele also deserves especial notice as a pianist, while Miss Warnock, though quite young, possesses a fine and cultured voice. The solo "Nancy Lee," by H. A Long, was particularly noticeable as a fine effort, while Joe T. Stiles, that "awfully clever" young man, who is well known in this community, made a decided hit in a serio comic song, which was sufficient of itself to put the audience in a most amiable condition, while not a few found it impossible to suppress hearty peals of laughter. A number—or in fact, all the gentlemen of the company deserve special mention in connection with the various parts of the programme, which they rendered in a manner so flattering to themselves and so satisfactory to the audience, but our space will not permit it.

The Clever Sketch, "That Boy of Mine," by Messrs. McGinley, Jones, Stiles and Sawyer, gave the people present reason for renewed belief in the old adage that "there is a time to laugh," and they felt that one of those times had arrived. While this amusing, or rather most laughable little sketch went far to demonstrate that Mr. Stiles is not only a success as a singer but as a commedian also. He possesses a keen appreciation of the ludicrous, and shows a coolness in front of an audience not often witnessed in an amateur. But this gentleman is not a success as a nurse. His treatment of "That Boy of Mine" proved to the entire satisfaction of the married portion of the audience at least, that his experience with "That Boy" has neither been long nor varied. His mode of quieting a crying child was similar to that generally chosen by political bodies with an unprofitable and too talkative member, viz: by sitting down on him, which, though a summary way of stopping the noise in both cases, is not always to be approved on account of the consequences.

Price's Orchestra was present and played a number of selections in its usual spirited manner.

At the close of the concert a number of the audience gathered round a refreshment table, which was spread in the rear of the hall, and partook of cake and ice cream, while the "sweet singers" upon the stage were served with the same, after which they were conducted to the Lodge room of the K. of P. where a number of Knights with their lady friends had assembled, and the next hour was passed in dancing and merriment.

We cannot close this article without complimenting the gentlemen who performed the arduous duties of ushers upon this occasion, and particularly that genial fellow, B. B., whose services could not have been dispensed with. During the course of the entertainment it fell to the lot of this most fortunate young gentleman to present the lady members of the company with handsome bouquets, which task he no doubt considered an exceedingly pleasant one.

The ladies and gentlemen of the concert company were much pleased with their visit to Middletown and their treatment by the Knights of Pythias and friends. They left for their homes on Wednesday afternoon.

That good old saying, "as dead as a hammer" will, in the future, be entirely superseded in this section by one far more appropriate, as follows: "As dead as the Elkton & Middletown Railroad."

Conference Appointments.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J B Quigg, Presiding Elder.

Wilmington—Asbury, J A B Wilson; St. Pauls, J H Caldwell; Union, J B Mann; Scott, C M Pegg; Grace, W J Stevens and E C Macnichol; Brandywine, E E White; City Mission, to be supplied; Mount Salem, C F Sheppard; Newport, H S Thompson; Chester, T B Killiam; Mount Lebanon, W H Avery; Mt. Pleasant and Claymont, A D Davis; New Castle, G R Bristor; Red Lion and Glasgow, L E Barrett; Christiana, J E Kidney; Saint Georges and Summit, J France; Delaware City, B F Price; Bethel, L C Matlack; Chesapeake City, J D Kemp; Newark, G A Phœbus; Cherry Hill, T B Hunter; Elkton, D C Ridgeway; Northeast, W L S Murray; Elk Neck, N McQuay; Port Deposit, J D Rigg; Rising Sun, W J O'Neill; Zion, J O Sypherd; Charlestown, L W Layfield.

EASTON DISTRICT.

C Hill, Presiding Elder.

Smyrna, T H Haynes; Smyrna Circuit, P H Rawlins; Townsend, J H Willey; Appoquinimink, J Shilling; Middletown, T E Martindale; Odessa, J B Merritt; Cecilton and St. Paul's, E P Aldred; Galena, J E Bryan; Millington, T J Williams; Stillpond, E B Newnam; Massey's to be supplied; Chestertown, W H Hutchin; Kent, I Jewell and J McK. Brewington; Sudlersville, W B Gregg and L E Andrews; Church Hill, E Davis; Centreville, C W Prettyman; Queenstown, T E Bell; Kent Island, G W Burke; Easton, T L Tomkinson; St. Michael's, R H Adams; Royal Oak, J M Collins; Talbot, E L Hoffecker; Lippe, W M Warner; Hillsboro', F C McSorley; Greensboro', J A Brindle; King's Creek, E H Miller; Denton, J E Smith; Marydel, W R McFarlane.

DOVER DISTRICT.

J Hough, Presiding Elder.

Dover, W P Davis; Leipsic and Raymond's, I N Foreman; Camden, W F Talbot, James Hubbard; Wyoming, D W C McIntire; Felton, J W Pierson; Frederica, J E Mowbray; Barrett Chapel, W F Corkran; Milford, V Smith; Harrington, A W Milby, W E Robinson; Lincoln, G S Conaway; Ellendale, V Gray; Georgetown, W J Hammersley; Milton, R W Todd; Lewes, W E England; Millsboro', W W Redman; Bridgeville, T J Van Burkalow, C Hill: Seaford, H Colclazer; Federalsburg, W B Merrill; Galestown, J Carroll; Dorchester, J Robinson, E N Kirby; Cambridge, J T Otis; Beckwith's and Speddon's T E Terry; Church Creek, W M Green; Woodlandtown, to be supplied; Hooper's Island, to be supplied; J M Williams, Conference Academy.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

N M Browne, Presididing Elder.

Salisbury, W W W Wilson; Fruitland, T A H O'Brien; Delmar, T R Creamer; Laurel, T S Williams; Lewisville, R Roe; Bethesda, to be supplied; Parsonsburg, T J Prettyman; Gumboro', E H Hynson; Frankford, E H Nelson; Roxana, J Dare; Berlin, G. W Wilcox; Snow Hill, I G Fosnocht and W Stephenson; Chincoteague, to be supplied; Newtown, T O Ayers; Accomac, W J Duhadaway; Crisfield, A. Stengle; Asbury, G W Townsend; Annamessex, S. T. Gardner; Fairmount, W I Bain; Princess Anne, R C Jones and Stephenson; Deal's Island, J A Arters; Holland's Island, J W Pool, Quantico, J Conner; Sharptown, T H Harding.

State News.

Travel on the Delaware R. R. is increasing.

Milford is shipping shell oysters to Europe.

Delaware has produced a great number of railroad ties during the past winter.

On Friday of last week the store of D. C. Carey, at Wyoming, was robbed of several hundred dollars worth of goods, the principle loss being in watches, one of them valued at $100, which had been left there for repairs. The entrance was made by boring a hole through the door, inserting their arm, and slipping the lock.

EVAPORATED FRUIT IN EUROPE.—It has been found that the evaporated fruit shipped direct from Milford to London, Glasgow and other British ports, says the *News*, will not sell at over nine pence a pound, or about 18 cents. Heretofore it has been unknow in that market and consumers look upon it very much as they do sun dried fruit. The evaporators think a trial will teach them a better judgment and bring their fruit into a rapid demand.

Mrs. Jones, how is your health this morning? Thank you, madam, much improved. I bought a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup last night, and after the first dose my cough was checked. I slept well and have not coughed once this morning.

With what complacency must the lady who uses Glenn's Sulphur Soap glance at her mirror, for there she sees reflected a complexion devoid of blemish. This peerless purifier may be relied upon to remedy all skin irritations. Sold by all Druggists. Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or Brown, 50 cts.

A REMARKABLE RESULT.—It makes no difference how many Physicians, or how much medicine you have tried, it is now an established fact that German Syrup is the only remedy which has given complete satisfaction in severe cases of Lung Diseases. It is true there are yet thousands of persons who are predisposed to Throat and Lung Affections, Consumption, Hemorrhages, Asthma, Severe Colds settled on the Breast, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, etc., who have no personal knowledge of Boschee's German Syrup. To such we would say that 50,000 dozen were sold last year without one complaint. Consumptives try just one bottle. Regular size 75 cents. Sold by all Druggists in America

Announcements of Candidates.

Candidates for office will be announced under this heading in the *Transcript*, until the nomination, for $5, invariably in advance.

For Coroner.

JOHN M. ENOS,
Of Wilmington Hundred.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic Party, of New Castle, in 1878.

FOR SHERIFF:

To the Electors of New Castle County:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—I offer myself to your consideration as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party, pledging myself to support the successful nominee. JOHN PYLE.

FOR SHERIFF:

C. E. ANDERSON,
Of St Georges Hundred.
Subject to the nomination of the Democratic Party.

For Sheriff in 1878.

P. J. LYNCH,
OF ST GEORGES HUNDRED.
Subject to the nomination by the Democratic Party, and pledges himself to support the nominee.

100,000 OSAGE ORANGE Plants for Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS ON HAND and for sale a large and extra choice lot of 1 *Year Old Osage Orange Plants.*

This is the finest lot for size I have ever raised during the past ten years. They will run from

2½ to 3 FEET HIGH.

All persons wanting NICE PLANTS at MODERATE PRICES will please call on, or address HENRY CLAYTON,
feb 2-4m Mount Pleasant, Del.

Business Locals.

The Cheapest Paint yet; and Good too! Only about $1 00 per gallon, in 10 gallon kegs, and cheaper in larger quantities. A beautiful Drab or Stone color, and suitable for all outdoor painting. Ready Mixed.
G. E. HUKILL.

8-5-25—THESE are the lucky numbers that will bring you a good return in Prize Vegetables, by investing twenty-five cents for eight five-cent papers of Landreth's Celebrated Garden Seeds. Why pay the same price for three papers only of commissioned seeds? For sale by
S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Buy Kanawha Cucumber Pumps, the best, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Try our cheap, drab-colored, Ready Mixed Paint. It is the Cheapest Good Paint in the market, other than the common Red and Brown.
G. E HUKILL.

Paints, Oils, Varnish, Glass, Putty, Avril & Bradford Mixed Paints, at
LINDLEY & KEMP'S

The best Cucumber Wood Pumps, "Blatchley's" celebrated makes, which stand unrivaled for quality. Trade marks B. and G. at
G. E HUKILL'S.

Shovels, Spades, Forks, Rakes and Hoes, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

All persons ought to plant trees and plant them early; nothing will pay better. A tree which will cost twenty-five cents to plant, will in a few years be worth one dollar a year at a low estimate; no investment can pay better. You can get them cheap at Middletown Nursery and Fruit Farm. Get them and plant them early.

Large variety best kind of Cooking Stoves, at LINDLEY & KEMP'S.

Paints of all kinds, Dry and Ground in Oil, Varnishes Oils, &c.; also Lucas' Liquid Paint and Averill mixed Paint, old and tried, at G. E. HUKILL'S.

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February 23, 1878.-tf

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AND EVERYTHING USUALLY KEPT IN A
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Sept. 15-6m Middletown, Del

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HAVING RENTED Mrs. SCOWDRICK'S commodious dwelling, on Main Street,

Opposite the Machine Shops,

I am prepared to receive

Permanent or Transient Boarders

on reasonable terms. Strict attention will at all times be paid to the comfort of guests, and special regard will be given to the culinary department of the house.
Respectfully,
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10,000 FIRST-CLASS CHESTNUT Posts and Rails, dressed or in the rough. GEO. M. D. HART,
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STOCK AND FIXTURES OF A WHEELwright Shop, situated in the village of Warwick, Cecil County, Maryland.
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I would call the attention of the public in general to the large line of CHEAP GOODS which I have just received from the city, consisting of

Dry Goods, Notions,
Boots, Shoes,
Hats, Caps, Queensware, Hardware,
Groceries,
Provisions,
Tobacco, Segars, Etc.

I will be pleased to have you call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as I am satisfied that I can offer great inducements.

Highest price paid for Country Produce.

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Keeps constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of

All kinds of Goods

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For Cash We Sell Very Cheap!

The cheapest line of

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for Men and Boys, Ladies and Children in Middletown. aug 18-tf

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THE UNDERSIGNED would give notice to the people of Middletown and surrounding country, of the

Great Reduction

now being made in

OVERCOATS.

We will not enumerate the different prices, as we have such a large stock to select from, and feeling assured you can be suited in quality and prices. Also,

A Large Stock of Suitings,

Selling at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Also, a large stock of

GENTS'

Furnishing Goods,

such as

COLLARS,
NECKTIES,
SUSPENDERS,
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SELLING AT CITY PRICES.

A Good White Laundried Shirt from 50 cents, up to $1 25.

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Also, a Fine Selection of Hosiery for MEN AND WOMEN.

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Successor to

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DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF

Lumber, Hardware, and General Building Material, Sash, Doors, Shutters, Blinds, and Mouldings, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Glass and Putty, Bricks, Building Lime, Hair, Etc. Constantly on hand.

—ALSO—

Lucas' Mixed Paint,

AND

AVERILL CHEMICAL PAINT,

"Blatchley's" Celebrated Cucumber Wood Pumps, and "Grafton" Cucumber Wood Pumps. These are the two best Cucumber Wood Pumps in the market.

I desire particularly to call special attention to Lucas' Mixed Paints." A very superior Paint—all colors. Large quantities sold and giving universal satisfaction. Manufactured by John Lucas & Co., one of the oldest and most reliable paint manufactures in Philadelphia. Satisfaction guaranteed. Send for color card and prices. We consider it superior to the well-known "Averill Paint."
Feb 5-1y

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THE Dwelling House, formerly occupied by me, on North Broad Sreet. This is one of the nicest and most convenient dwelling houses in the town. It has ten rooms and a cellar, garden, pump, etc. The location is very desirable. Possession at once. For further information apply to
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feb 9-tf

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Monday Soap. In Manilla Wrappers, full pounds, long bars, warranted pure and unsurpassed for WASHING Clothes; retails at 8 cents.

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Honesty Soap. In Red Wrappers, ¾ lb. pressed cakes, the handsomest and best soap in the market for family use, the laundry, the bath, etc.

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Sold at retail by all Grocers, and at wholesale by REEVES, PARVIN & CO.,
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Brandies, Wines, Gins, etc.
Choice Old Rye, Wheat and Bourbon
WHISKIES.
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MANUFACTURERS OF
All Kinds of Fine and Plain
CANDIES
AND
Gift Packages,
At LOWEST WHOLESALE Rates.
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HAVING connected myself with YERKES & Co., I will be glad to see my Delaware and Maryland friends at
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An early call is solicited. Our Stock of Foreign and Domestic
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is full and complete. Orders will receive my personal attention.
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The Most Wonderful and the Best!

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A FIRST-CLASS FULL-SIZED
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ONLY EIGHTEEN DOLLARS,
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New and Numerous Patented Attachments.

No complicated Machinery to be constantly getting out of order.

So easy to learn that a child can run it, will do all kinds of Sewing, from the finest to the coarsest, will Hem, Fell, Tuck, Braid, Cord, Gather, Embroider, etc, uses self-adjusting straight needles, all description of Cotton, Silk and Thread. Makes the strongest stitch known; the cloth will tear before the seam will rip; uses the thread direct from the spool. The machine is beautifully finished and highly ornamented, and

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All persons are cautioned not to make, deal in or use any Sewing Machines which sew with our needle, and make the Elastic Stitch, or that have the new Patent Self-Feed Attachment, unless the same are purchased from this Company, or their Agents or Licenses, and stamped under our patent. Beware of worthless imitations, and unscrupulous parties who have copied our circulars, advertisements, etc., and buy only the machine manufactured by us.

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Sample Machines with Table and Treadle forwarded to any part of the World on receipt of

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All orders, communications, etc, must be addressed to the
PEERLESS MANUFACTURING CO.,
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John Wanamaker's Dry Goods House.

Advance Spring Sale!

JUST BEGUN.

Before the regular business of the season we propose to make things brisk by one of our occasional sales, organized on a stupendous scale, and coupled with attractions of an elaborate character. The rush for the "Advance Bargains" and First Fresh Goods will stimulate business, not only at the Grand Depot, but, we trust, throughout the city.

The quotations that follow will repay a careful reading.

The new lots just received will excite wonder when qualities and prices are seen.

SILKS.

We test carefully the goods we sell and guarantee to take back and return the money for such as are different from expectations.

The following four grades of Black Silks are fully recommended:

23 pieces 19-in. good weight Gro Grains 75c.
14 pieces full 20-in. heavy high lustre do $1 00
48 pieces full 21-in. genuine Lyons do Brilliant Lustre do 1 15
32 pieces full 21-in. super weight and finish Black Cashmere Silk 1 25

Finer goods are placed on our counters equally cheap, but the above will be found exceptional lots that cannot be replaced.

One case bold style, black ground with white stripes 53c
82 pieces oil-boiled Silks, black & white and colored ground stripes 56c
41 pieces neat Checks and Stripes, in colors of great variety 61c
71 pieces handsome designs in colored Stripes and Checks 66c
47 pieces entirely New Patterns and the latest Paris Novelty 74c
52 pieces full 21-inches Solid Color Gro Grain Silk $1 00
44 pieces full 21-inches do Brilliant Lustre Lyons Goods 1 25

The above two lots embrace all the newest Spring Shades, and contain a few of the latest Evening Tints.

MOURNING GOODS.

Black Cashmeres, imported with great care, especially for retailing. Great pains have been taken to secure best color and undoubted qualities. A large stock of every grade, ranging from 50 cents to $1 50.

Silk Warp Henrietta Cloth, of beautiful finish, our own importation, from $1 to $2 50 per yard.

Black Merinoes, celebrated makes, at 65 cts to $1 50.

Alpacas and Pure Mohair Lustres, good weight and super color, the best ever offered for 25, 31 and 37 cents.

Black Bunting at 25 and 31c.

French Black do. at 37½c.

DRESS GOODS.

☞ This is one of the best collections ever offered!

Bourettes, several styles 6½c
One case Striped Suitings, in beautiful Spring Shades, 10c; a bargain.
One case Small Checks 12½c
One case Colored Alpacas 12½c
One case Colored Alpacas 15c
One case Spring Cashmeres 18c
One case Spring Cretonnes 18c
One case Twilled Beige 20c
One case Twilled Beige 25c
One case All-wool Striped Beige 22c
One case Camel's Hair Suiting 25c
Bunting in Gaslight Tints ..... 25 and 31c
One case Matelasse Beige 28c
One case Spring Bourettes 30c
One case Tufted Beige 35c
One case Silk and Wool Pongee 37½c
All-wool Matelasse Beige ..... 37½, 45 and 50c
Cashmere Beige, all-wool 31c
6-4 Camel's Hair Suitings, in choice Spring shades ..... 56, 62½ and 75c
Shepherd's Plaids ..... 37½ and 48c
Choice Styles Spring Calicoes, in medium colors 5c
Beautiful style Shirting Chintzes 6½c
Newest designs in Cambrics, Foulards and Cretonnes ..... 9, 10, 11 and 12½c
Foreign and Domestic Shirting Cheviots from 8c. up.
One case Seersuckers at 12½c.
One case do at 16c
Latest effects in Toil d'Alsace, Ginghams, etc., etc.

Quilts—A large invoice has just been received, per steamer Pennsylvania, all sizes and qualities Marseilles Cradle, Crib and Bed Spreads for Spring and Summer. The depression in English manufacturing towns has reduced the prices lower than they have ever been within the knowledge of intelligent merchants.

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PRICES RANGE FROM 60c TO $7 50.

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From 30 cents

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